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CAT-CHINGS.

Euffalo grass at present is king. Andrew Jordine's P. O. address Streator.

Thomas county is 36 miles long and 20 miles wide.

We hav'nt heard any talk of a skat-

ing rink in Colby as yet. Some living water in the Saline, but

occupied by cattle men at present. Herds of wild horses are still seen in

the western portion of the county. The coming ommer will about com-

plete the settlement of the county. Miss Anna Colby teaches the district school and is giving good satisfaction.

As we traveled over the county las week, we noticed many stacks of hay, mostly on the South Sappa.

Antoines Spath, and Dr. Bretz can boast of frame houses, but many more will be erected this spring and summer. Mr. J. R. Colby, one of the first set-

tlers of Thomas County, we are sorry to learn is at present afflicted with rheumatism. We want news items from all parts of

the county. Will those interested in the welfare of a good county paper please contribute. We call attention in another place to

C. C. Reynold's ad. We hope to see Mr. Reynolds locate in Thomas county before many weeks.

Wallace Miller's, near Colby is a good place to stop, and headquarters for the mail carriers and for the newcomers. He will treat you well. Junes Fleming near Scio has 600

head of sheep which wintered well. W. Woodcock and son-in-law near this place are engaged in boring wells.

We are indebted to C. W. McGonigal, deputy surveyor of Decatur county, for tayors. As Mc. has been a faber pusher, he knows how it is himself.

McEiroy and Simpson of Oberlin are doing a land office business in the way of making out papers and attending to contests, and land business generally.

A good many antelope yet in the county, but the steady march of civilisies" firty miles west the coming sea-

Jacob Thomas, of McCook, Neb., has selected land in Thomas county. Mr. Thomas is enthusiastic in his praise of Thomas county. He goes to return with his family.

Last week a hack load of land hunters started for this county. When roll call" was made, it was found that they were all oad soldiers, and all G. A. R. men except one.

of flat tobacco. Frank stops at the Barber Bro.'s ranche, not far from Cumberland, F. S. See postmaster.

J. R. McCoun, with Lewis G. Parker, in Oberlin, informs us he intends to locate in Thomas county this spring. Mr. McCoun is an attorney, and will pay particular attention to land mat-

Mr. Stewartson, postmaster at Letitia, has a large ranche (two sections), stocked with cattle, sheep and horses. Mr. S. never turns a hungry man His wife serves excellent

William Reed, Letitia postoffice, is one of the first settlers of the county. He has two ranches and two hundred head of thrifty cattle, besides other stock. He is a man of energy and infinence.

You can spart at the northeast corner of the county and travel to tae new town site and only cross one draw the entire distance, being very smooth and of the old settlers, and his better half level. The entire county is the same is an excellent cook.

The postmaster at Streator, we are informed, never failed to raise corn since the steady and rapid growth of the exhe settled in Thomas county. He is an treme west. Right here in Thomas old settler and lives on the divide south side of the Dog, and bas a fine well So feet deep.

Oberim is full of live in rehants and bus ness men. Her profe I men hin this season if we are any judge of cant government land here, covered such matters.

rast , the rustlers of Thomas county. He ple in this county.

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Archer will sell you a center of the county and the county are considered and the county and the county and the county and the county are considered and the county are do not let that he the es and nuts.

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COLBY, THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS, MARCH 12, 1885.

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Let the friends of Thomas county and to parties who wish to gain information about the county.

Send the CAT to your friends, who are looking for rich, sn ooth governnent land, in a healthy, bracing climate. The center of the county is only 20 miles from a railroad.

J. B. McGonigal, mail agent on the Solomon Branch of the K. P., has located a ranche in this county, and will bring in a thousand head of sheep in the spring. Mc. is a valuable acquisi-

The trade of Northern Thomas county mostly goes to Oberlin, and will so continue until Colby opens for business and offers inducements to trade, which she will shortly do. Oberlin merchants are enterprising.

Mr. Mills. one of the proprietors of build. His five cars of lumber will be with others, have organized a lyceum tice of their peculiar fitness to conduct hauled from the railroad, a distance of twenty miles, as soon as it can be done. Mr. Mills' postoffice is Colby.

A. B. Kneudsen and A. Christianson are thrifty and intelligent Danes, locaed near Cumberland. Mr. Christianson, when we passed his ranche, was scattering hay to about 250 head of cattle, which were in good condition.

Our young friends, Charles Coover and Almond Vincent are engaged in boring wells, and they intend to canvas for the sale of windmills this season. They can be found two miles east of the new town site, on the Dog.

We may expect a large number of R. by noon, and returns to Colby the lacks emphony, is expressive and charland seekers here from the Eastern same evening. This is good enough as acteristic of a western journal. The and Central portions of the State, as far as it goes, but it should be a daily Car is published at Colby, on the beausoon as the weather gets settled and mail. The mail from Oberlin should titul Prairie Dog one of our historical congenial. Ottawa and Mitchell also be increased to a daily. The mail streams in Indian traditions, and is counties will contribute a good sized facilities of the county must be in- destined to become a great cattle and

William Reed's well which is on high Oberlia land office. These gentlemen back shed in Minneapolis,—Minneapole est possible range of topics will be discussed. ground is 110 feet. Charley Coover's are courteous and accommodating and well is 66 feet, second bottom of Dog. are ready and willing to ex and to the second bottom of Dog.

Geo. W. Keys, formerly of Ottawa county is engaged in the land business ir Oberlin. We would as soon trust

hey were all oal addiers, and all G. A. bushels of onions, 200 bushels of potatoes and all kinds of garden stuff. He bus tit does not show good judgment to the story and the study of the could guide, not spring. Takes near Cumberland. It is provided for the story and and is a good judge. fair to say that the garden and onion patch was irregated twice by the use of a wind mill.

> C. D. Hubbard, near Cumberland postoffice, has an extensive creamery. selling large quantities of butter. He sells to D. W. Bruce, near Scio, Rawlins county, at 20 cents a pound. Mr. Bruce, formerly of Ottawa county, has a small grocery store at that point.

knows that Canon City, Col., coal can be obtained at the railroad for five dollars a ton by the car, and six dollars pear next week, with D. M. Dunn and exclusively in stock-raising, cattle and a ton at the coal yards, and common lumber from \$26 to 828. All kinds of supplies can be obtained at the railroad, the nearest point being 20 miles.

In leaving Oberlin, where the land office is located, for Thomas county, your first days' drive will bring you to Fa; Gibbs', on the South Sappa, where you will be provided with food and shelter for man and beast. Gibbs is one

While the papers are filled with news of Oklahoma, nothing is said of county there is more smooth, beautiful land in a body than can be found in the entire Indian Nation. We are not subject to the "ager" here either.

John Nove b , a Bohemian, lives on are among the best in the West, A big the divide north of the Dog. His well business bacin is going to strike Ober- is 68 fee, deep. Plenty of smooth vawith the luxuriant and nutratious buf-Wm. W. Armstrong, who lives in the falo grass. John at present lives in northeast corner of the county, and Diller, Jefferson county, Neb., and is whose portodice is Hawkeye, is one of preparing to locate a colony of his peo-

tt ed in 84, and is chuck full of vim We call the attention of the railroad 40 to 14) feet. There is no town in the the appropriation for rivers and harauthorities to the importance of send- county, but there will probably be one bors during the last session, runs up boiled in it if liked. - gn. os a listy any par- ment, it being the nearest point to the the scuth and west part of the county, and which called rib county and the country in the north and east part over the country. Democratic promis-Archer will sell you a center of the county and the center of and some in the north and east part, over the country. Democratic promis-

R. M. Goucher, the popular jeweler other information desired, freely given. end the Car to their acquaintances, of Minneapolis, Kan., was the first to enroll his name on the Car's subscription list. By the way, we have quite a

settville, Fay Gibbs, Scio, or F. S. Se., more coming. In fact, before winter

Miss Mary E. Hay is teaching school near Otterbourne, on the South Sappa, She is one of the first settlers and high- of the THOMAS COUNTY CAT, D. M. mote the meral and intellectual adthe new town site, is preparing to vancement of the settlement. She, known here to require an extended noand a Sabbath School.

> want you to understand that the cut at the mast head is not our photograph. Beloit Gazette to the contrary notwithstanding.

creased.

zation will drive the "fleet footed dai- Pienty of running water on South Sap- land seeker every facility not incompatible with their duty as officers of the government. There is every indication of there being a great demand for government land this season.

provided for the stores. In our travels the Union Pacific Rallway (Kansas Di-

For the past two or three weeks no three miles. little talk has been indulged in by sev- The general surface is a gently-rolleral citizens of this city in regard to ing prairie, bluffs occurring occasion-Thomas county, Kansas, which is about ally on the banks of streams. 200 miles west of here. On last Thurs- There is but little timber in the counday evening, the senior editor of this ty, a few trees being met with on the paper, J. B. McGonigal, and some oth-margins of the creeks. The county is ers of Beloit, left for that county, and well supplied with water-courses, and at the same time shipped material from is in consequence a valuable country We are informed by a party who this place for a newspaper, which is for grazing purposes. But little attennow on the ground, and the first issue tion has been paid to agriculture, the of the "Thomas County Cat" will ap- inhabitants devoting themselves almost E. P. Worcester as editors and publish-sheep predominating. ers. The parties from here have an interest in a new town site just laid out creek run northeast across the northon the Prairie Dog creek. The rush of western partion, being apart from each Colby. Parties from Oberlin are also central portion, and has a northeast interested. The place where our people have located is near the center of the Solomon river have their sources in neighbors,-Minneapolis Messenger.

A Letter From Mr. Irwin.

Colby, Thomas Co., Kan., Jan. 13, 185, Mr. E. P. Worcester. Minneapolis, and Streator. Kansas.

es: The population of the county is all of the land Is said at to homestee about 150. There has been a great pre-emption and money culture. many claims taken this fall and winter, so that when they get here in the spring it will be more than doubled. There is also in the county \$5,000 acres of indemnity school land, aside are no streams of water, except in the from the regular 16th and 36th sections. north part of the county, in Sappa creek, and that is all taken. Plenty of good water is obtained by digging from The amount this session, together with

Yours Respectfully,

I. W. IRWIN, P. M. Since the above was written a town

those who are on our list on the broad and the name proposed for the new and beautiful praries of Thomas county. town is Couny. Water can be obtained When a man goes to a new country to look for land, it is essentially neces.

On the new town site at a depth of 50 and has a greater number of readers feet. More definite information can be sary for him to have accurate informat, obtained by addressing Mr. Mills, at Colby. It is estimated that there are now has stored. tion. The seeker after land, by applyling to such men as J. R. Vancleve, Basabout 200 settlers in this county and the Republican party, and has, in sea-Cumberland, he can be suited. These cased, the stream of land hunters be-

We have received the initial number such a journal as Kansas people demand. That the enterprise will be a fi-We had the pleasure of meeting W. nancial success, we have not the slight-D. Street, editor of the Kenneth Senti-est doubt. Thomas county is a portion nel, Sheridan county, at Oberlin. The of our magnificent western area and the Sentinel is one of the newsiest papers rush to that point rivals the story of the lobourbon Democrats. It will be agin Western Kansas. Billy, we extend early days in the history of Kansas. to you our velvet paw, and we also We are perfectly familiar with the region under discussion, and know from personal observation it ranks with the best pastoral portions of the State. Its prairies are long level stretches of ex-'Colby receives mail twice a week celient grass, the famous "Sesteria from Monument-Tuesdays and Fri- dactyloides" or Buffalo predominating. days. The mail leaves Colby in the The title of the paper which our friends morning, reaches Monument on the R. have, inaugurated, while perhaps it sheep center, the two prominent indus-

THOMAS COUNTY.

An unorganized county, lying in the George as anyone we know, with land | Last week the fall of snow at Topeka | the west, Rawlins county intervening business, he being careful and exact in during Sunday and Monday was about in the first instance, and Sherman in such matters. He has a live partner one foot, while here in Thomas county the latter. Rawlins bounds it on the parties.

Henry Kneudsen last year raised 120 bushels of onions, 200 bushels of potatows and all block 200 bushels of potawintered theorem. Showing a north, Sheridan on the east, St. John and Gove on the south and Sherman on the west. It has an area of 1,080 wintered theorem and all block 200 bushels of pota-

over the county no dead stock was seen. vision), distant from the south line but

The North and South Forks of Sappa

people to that country, it is said is unprecedented. The name of the town is rie Dog creek has its source in the west-Source The North and South Forks of

the county, and is 20 miles from the K. the southwestern portion, the former P. railroad. The land is smooth and flowing northeast, and the latter east. beautiful, and in a few years it will be The South Fork of Saline river also has as good a county as any of its eastern ats source in the southwestern corner, and flows along the southern line in an other streams tributary to the above. The postoffices are Colby, Cumber-

land, Letitia, Otterboura, Quickville,

About one-half of the government DEAR SEL-In answer to your inquir- land of the county is settled. Nearly

The river and harbor bill has passed,

THE INTER OCEAN

In 1885 The Inter Ocean enters upon list at Minneapolis, and hope we may site has been located 2½ miles north of be the means of locating a number of Colby postoffice, on the Prairie Dog, those who are on our list on the broad and the name proposed for the new grown in favor until this day, when the publishers take pride in the fact that the paper goes into more home

From the beginning The Inter Ocean son and out of season, contended for "protection to American industry." It gentlemen have compasses, and have gan to flow towards Thomas county.

About half the lands of this county are shed; on the contrary it believes that, purified by adversity, it will in the near future again rise to the higher planes of thou, ht and action and be complete-ly restored to the confidence of the She is one of the first settlers and high-ly spoken of by all her neighbors.

Dunn, proprietor, and E. P. Worces-Miss Hay is zealous in all efforts to pro-ter, editor and publisher. Messrs.

Dunn and Worcester are too well was important when the Republican newspaper vancement of the settlement. Since the settlement of the settlement. party was in power, it is doubly so now that the Democracy control the Na-

tional Government.
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All of the old departments will be continued. The scope of Woman's Kingdom will be widened so as to take in all the industrial and reform movements in which women re inter sted Martin William's well is only 17 feet

Hoa. C. E. Chandler is Receiver and deep. He lives on the Prarie Dog.

Hop. A. L. Patchin is Register at the William Reed's well which is on high Oberlia land office. These gentlemen

> the very best by American and English authors will be given during the year. Arrangements have been made to pub-An unorganized county, lying in the northwestern portion of the State. It lies equi-distant from the State of Nebraska on the north and Colorado on Baralian Deadline of the serial by Miss Bradinian distribution din distribution distribution distribution distribution distributio don and other English authors.

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with numerous illustrations. The en-tertaining sketches entitled "Recollec-tions of a Private," begin in this num-ber. In December appears the graphic story of the capture of

FORT DONELSON.

BY GEN. LEW WALLACE. The January number, now ready, contains a remarkable list of attractions, among them two papers in the war series—'Recohections of Foote and the Gun-boats,' by Capt. James B. Eads (who built the gun-boats), and an interesting and picturesque account, with many illustrations, of the naval battles at Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Fort Pillow, Memphis, and ISLAND No. 10,

By REAR-ADMIRAL HENRY WALKE. The next issue of The Century, the Midwinter (February) number, will contain the long-looked-for paper on THE BATTLE OF SHILOM,

BY GEN. U. S. GRANT. This will be the first full account of "Shiloh" ever written by Gen. Grant, his official report being very brief, for reasons which he recounts. The paper is full of personal reminiscences, and is richly illustrated. The Confederate side of the battle will be told in an ar-icle on "Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston and the Shiloh Campaign," written by his son, and in "Notes of Confederate Staff-Odicers at Shiloh." In the March number will appear the story of the fight between

THE "MONITOR" AND "MER-RIMAC,"

BY COL. JOHN TAYLOR WOOD, senior surviving officer of the "Merrimac," and by the late Commander S.
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from the turret of the "Monitor." together with an eye-witness's account
of the engagement, by the Confederate
general, R. E. Colston. Other papers
of equal importance, by generals on
both sides, will follow.

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